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To: Jeanette Hansen, L.P.G., Class III Permitting Officer  
Allan Batka, Class I Permitting Officer

Dear Ms. Hansen and Mr. Batka,

We are requesting the **Public Hearing** for the Michigan Potash Operating in **Osceola and Mecosta** Counties which are presently scheduled for January 4, 2017 in Reed City, Michigan, be **delayed for a period of a minimum of two additional weeks**. We ask this to allow all parties the opportunity to be prepared and participate in this process. As you are aware, **the associated maps and attachments for these permits have not been available**. Further, with the upcoming Christmas holiday, the opportunity for interaction to clarify issues relating to these permits is much less than the normal thirty-day notice given prior to a public hearing.

As these permits are critical to the protection of drinking water aquifers in the immediate area, we also **request the Comment Period be extended for an additional thirty days** following the public hearing, as is traditional with EPA practices.

I appreciate your consideration of these requests and your dedication to the public involvement process. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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